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REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

PER HOUR, NOT PER DAY!

Len Flanigan, Carpenters 36, and J. W. Kirkman, Carpenters 1473, have called the attention of East Bay Labor Journal to a really fantastic error made in our report of and discussion of the 75-cent wage paid to carpenters in some parts of Texas and Oklahoma.

The wage under discussion was 75 cents, all right, but it wasn't 75 cents a day, as we stated, but 75 cents an hour, of course.

One of the great privileges, or penalties, of the work of a newspaper craftsman is that it is done right out in public, in the good old goldfish bowl. The one standard consolation the newspaperman reaps from his mistakes is that he definitely finds out that his paper is read when he makes one of those goldfish bowl errors, and certainly we get it in this case.

CRIMINAL CONFESSIONS

However, nowadays when a crime is committed, the habit is increasing of not merely denouncing the criminal, but of asking WHY he committed the crime. What kink in his psychology made him do it?

In this case, let's present the deposition from the criminal: "I freely confess that I am the one who made the error. I wrote, although the slightest reconsideration would have made me know that it was utterly impossible, even in Texas or Oklahoma today, that the wage was 75 cents a day, instead of 75 cents an hour."

"I have no alibi. But I do think I have an explanation. I was raised down South myself, and around 1908 was working as a carpenter's apprentice in Kerrville and San Antonio, Texas. I knew many good craftsmen at that time who were glad to get 90 cents a day. "Later, in Oregon sawmills, when I got \$2.25 a day, I thought I must be reckoned among the rich ones of the earth. Now that men not only get better wages absolutely, but the inflation of money has made it so that all money figures have been pulled out of gear, I guess I'm just out of date down in my subconscious, and when I hear of some figure over two dollars I subconsciously assume it's pay for a day and not for an hour."

8 CENTS AN HOUR

In short, some of us oldtimers remember when a common proverb was, "Another Day, Another Dollar," and when the proverb had financial accuracy in it—unless you were getting only 90 cents for an 11-hour day, which is exactly what the present writer got for stacking lumber in the rather warm sunshine in Vinton, Louisiana. That's just a little over 8 cents an hour brothers!

But we oldtimers, if we run newspapers, must guard ourselves against these embarrassing outcrops of subconscious memory!

State Official in Welfare Fund Case

Matthew Dooley, appointed in January by Governor Knight to the State Public Utilities Commission, has been named by the U. S. Senate Labor and Public Welfare Subcommittee in connection with the alleged mismanagement of some \$900,000 of the Laundry Workers International Union welfare fund.

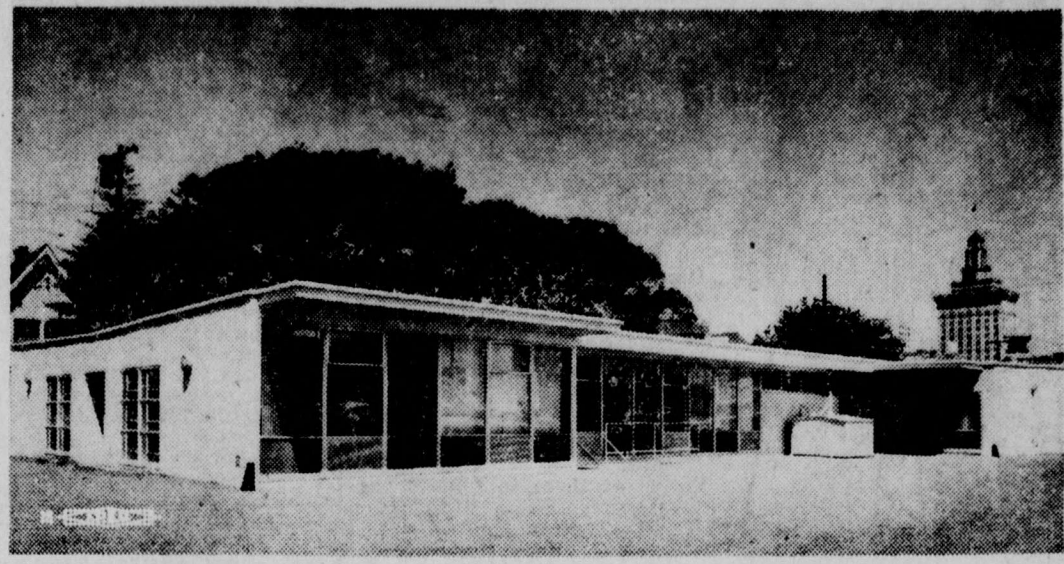
Dooley comes into the case as attorney for the San Francisco Laundry Owners Association and for the union welfare fund trustees who got control of the California Life Insurance Company of Oakland.

The State Attorney General's office and the State Insurance Commissioner are studying the full text of the Senate subcommittee's report to determine if there is a basis for any criminal prosecutions. Senator Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) is chairman of the subcommittee.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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& BAKERS 823
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IAA NEW BUILDING—Above is a fine view from the spacious parking lot of the new International Association of Machinists building at 13th and Castro streets, Oakland, with the City Hall looming in the background. District Lodge 115 and Lodges 284, 1518, 1566, and 1330 are lodged in these splendid new quarters.

Paint Makers 1101 Pabco Pact Raises Coast Wage Level

Terms of an agreement made with Paint Makers 1101 by Pabco Products Inc., setting what are said to be the highest rates of pay on the Pacific Coast for workers in the paint, varnish, and lacquer industry, are announced by Jack Kopke, representative, Local 1101.

R. C. Thumann is director of industrial relations for the company.

Hourly rates established under the contract are:

Working foreman \$2.40.

Tinter starts at \$2.08, then gets three steps at 8-month periods as follows: \$2.14, \$2.205, \$2.265.

Head varnish cooker \$2.265.

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Miss Jacobson is a competent journalist recommended by the UC Department of Journalism; she is editor of the Daily Cal, students' well known paper, during the summer session, and has had experience as correspondent for various papers.

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Pay for Oakland's Firemen Discussed At Labor Council

Oakland City Manager Wayne E. Thompson informed the Central Labor Council by letter this week that a survey is being made of firemen's wage schedule, as well as policemen's, and that it is hoped improved pay will be possible.

E. F. McNamara, Fire Fighters 55, told the delegates that the survey referred to was still in progress, and that reports were circulating that a \$10 a month increase across the board was under consideration. He said that if \$10 were the amount set, this would constitute only a 2 1/2% increase for hosemen and patrolmen, and of course a still smaller percentage increase for those in higher classifications.

Report has it, he said, that other civil service employees in Oakland would get a 5% boost.

What the firemen are trying to get is a \$15 increase. In general, their effort for some years has been to get the mean average of the pay for city firemen in the two cities paying the highest rate. For years these two cities have been Los Angeles and San Francisco, but now, according to McNamara, Long Beach has forced into the lead by setting the scale for full-fledged hosemen in the fire department at \$454 a month.

PRESENT PAY

In Oakland at the present time hosemen and patrolmen get \$395 a month at the start, \$410 the second year, and \$425 the third year, which is their top pay in that classification.

McNamara told the delegates that firemen were a little tired of making their requests for pay increases on the basis of "what somebody else gets somewhere else," but that under the circumstances it seemed the only course to follow. He said that Mathew O. Tobrin, the widely known labor attorney, would represent them in discussing the salary issue with the municipal authorities.

CEREMELLO'S POINT

Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101, rose after McNamara had spoken, and said that naturally all labor people were back of the firemen in their effort to get decent pay.

"But many unions are tired of firemen taking work that belongs to members of those unions and not to the firemen," he added.

McNamara, as Ceremello began raising this point, put his head down in his hands, evidently implying this subject was an old headache, whereupon Ceremello caused laughter by saying, "No use putting your head in your hands; this is something we have to face."

After the meeting Ceremello and McNamara discussed the subject affably, and McNamara said that any time a union has a complaint that a fireman is doing work outside his jurisdiction, it was to be expected that a regular complaint would be made.

You Get Bursitis by This 'Do-It-Yourself' Stuff, Says Osteopath

Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290, calls attention to a statement made in Los Angeles by a Long Beach osteopath, Dr. Elmer S. Clark.

Dr. Clark said if most persons would let someone else do it they probably wouldn't be bothered by "frozen shoulders," more commonly known as bursitis.

He said men and women who are not "shoulder conditioned" should leave such weekend chores as painting, washing walls and pouring cement to professionals.

Stormy Weather In Kaiser Hospital's Office Labor Area

At the Central Labor Council meeting Monday night Assistant Secretary W. P. Fee reported that the previous week had been quiet on the labor front, but that there had been a stormy weekend with the equivalent of thunder, lightning, and a few blizzards.

Fred Tennant, labor relations man for Kaiser Foundation Hospital, demanded on Saturday by telephone, said Fee, that a meeting be held Sunday morning of the special committee set up by the CLC executive committee to assist Office Employees 29 in negotiations with the hospital.

Fee explained to Tennant that to get the committee together on such brief notice over the weekend would be very difficult. Tennant insisted that it be done, nevertheless, as the contract with Local 29 was expiring Sunday night.

WARM PHONE TALK

Fee argued that the sensible thing to do was to extend the life of the contract a few days, and not get into a hurlyburly about it. Tennant remained obdurate. Fee, as he reported it, demonstrated that "I'm not Irish for nothing," and the telephonic conversation grew quite warm.

Tennant insisted that Conciliator Joe Chambers was going to be present at the proposed meeting, and it was essential that there be discussion of the issues Sunday, pronto, immediately.

So finally Tennant, Conciliator Joe Chambers, Fee, and President John Kinnick of Office Employees 29 did confer Sunday morning.

At this meeting, after all the stir that Tennant had made, since it was found, as Fee expected, that nothing had really changed in the attitudes of the two sides, Tennant agreed to extend the contract until Wednesday of this week, when negotiations were resumed.

'WILL GET HOTTER'

Kinnick later in the evening told the delegates that it looked as though the dispute will "get much hotter" before it is settled. He said Tennant seems to be determined to force the union to agree to a longer term contract by offering a few cents more for a longer term, and a very small offer for a shorter term one.

Fee said that Tennant seemed to feel that the unions should give the hospital very special consideration, but that he told Tennant this matter was being conducted on a straight negotiation basis.

The CLC executive committee last Friday heard spokesmen for the union, and Tennant and other spokesmen for the hospital, finally naming a committee with full power to act. This was the committee Tennant wished to have summoned on such short notice. It is composed of Jack Faber, Cooks 228; John K. Robinson, Hospital 250; Edrie Wright, Culinary 31; Herb Sims, Engineers 39; and CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash or Assistant Secretary Fee. Ash is away on vacation, so Fee is handling the matter for the CLC office.

1515 ALICE STREET

The board recommended that a picket be placed on the remodeling job at 1515 Alice street, and this was ordered by the council.

7-HOUR DAY MEETING

On recommendation of the board, the council ordered that cards be sent to business representatives of all crafts calling a special meeting to discuss the 7-hour day resolution, at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 9.

UC PAINTERS' PAY

BTC Secretary John Davy read a letter from William Monahan, UC business manager, stating that painters of Locals 40 and 127 employed by the university will, after necessary accounting procedures already in progress, receive, retroactive to June 1, the prevailing rate of pay of that date.

HOW TO BUY

Economizing on Food

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Recently this department reported that the University of California's Heller Committee budget for a wage-earner family of four now comes to \$469 a month for homeowners, and \$445 for a family that rents, in the San Francisco Bay area. This breaks down to \$108 before taxes (about \$98.50 after), far more than most wage-earners get (average industrial wage at this writing is about \$75 a week, down a half a buck since our last report).

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Nast of Colby, Wash., right across the water from Seattle, are a family with earnings higher than the average industrial wage but still below what the widely-respected Heller Committee finds is needed to buy a "reasonable and acceptable" standard of living. The Nasts have a boy going on five and a girl going on three. Irvin Nast works at the Navy Yard in Bremerton.

From his wages of \$93 a week, Mr. Nast actually brings home \$76 after deductions for withholding tax, retirement fund, group insurance and savings bond (\$3.75 a week for the last). The Nasts keep a close record of their spending, as any family must if it plans to get maximum productivity from its income. Their average for the first six months of this year has been \$73 a week.

The real clue to how they get along is the unusually low food bill. It's been running at the rate of \$69 a month, or \$16 a week, much lower than the \$20-\$22 a week a family that size frequently spends. Nor is this low food cost achieved at the expense of quality of meals. "We eat well," Mrs. Nast says. The real secret is bulk buying and home preserving. The Nasts have an advantage in doing this, in a rural community like Colby.

The Nasts buy their meat by the half or quarter of beef or pork. The cost averages about \$17 a month. In comparison, a city family buying in the usual retail markets would spend about \$26, I estimate, and many families much more. The Nast food budget includes \$1 a month for a freezer locker, although they have an eight-foot freezer at home (too small for a family, Mrs. Nast comments).

The Nasts get a gallon of milk for 60 cents every other day from a farmer, also two dozen eggs a week and a pound of butter when the farmer churns it. In season, they either freeze or can strawberries, raspberries, cherries, peaches, pears, plums, beans, corn and beets.

Not all families can use all these money-saving techniques. Big-city families don't have access to a freezing plant, and owning a freezer would wipe out for them much if not all the savings possible in bulk buying, if they can't buy produce for freezing cheaply from nearby farms. But some home preserving of seasonally-cheap foods is still possible. So is featuring in the families' menus the foods that are seasonally abundant, and keeping down budget-wrecking meat costs.

CIO MACHINISTS 1304 struck several plants, members of the California Metal Trades Association, this week, an offer of 7 cents an hour increase by the employers having been turned down.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

A GENERATION or so ago, when automobiles and other devices for eliminating physical labor were beginning to come into their own, cartoonists were fond of depicting the "man of the future" as a creature with a bulging brain and spindly legs scarce strong enough to carry him about.

The "bulging brain" is still in the future but the weak legs are here right now. Athletic coaches complain that boys coming to college do not have the leg muscles needed for participation in strenuous sports.

Therefore, President Eisenhower recently called a conference on sports to encourage athletics. Modern life, it seems, is fatally handicapping young men for the things which we all consider natural to young men—football, baseball, track, and so on.

Automobiles, movies, television—these are the guilty parties. Sitting down and looking at something, or being effortlessly carried about has become the favorite national pastime.

One sometimes gets the impression, in walking down the street, that the only pedestrians are old ladies and old gentlemen too old to drive cars.

Meantime, teen-agers, with energy to spare, use it up in senseless "hot-rodding" or at least in dashing about in some contraption or other perched on wheels.

Nor do boys and girls, except very little ones, ride bicycles any more. There was a time when bigger boys took long paper routes which they covered by bicycles, in order to build up good leg muscles for track or football.

None of this is any longer good form. But walking from the front door to the car does not develop much muscle.

One wonders what any conference, even one called by the President, can do to reverse this trend.

It looks as though leg muscles were doomed. So how about trying for bulging brains?

11 Railway Unions Seeking Wage Gain

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Eleven non-operating rail unions opened a drive for a 25-cent-an-hour wage increase from the Nation's major railroads to reflect the sharply increased productivity of rail workers and to remove the inequities of rail wages compared with other industries.

The unions served formal notice on the roads August 1 as provided in the Railway Labor Act.

The 11 unions also moved on another front—asking the National Mediation Board to have the railroads pay the full cost of the present health and welfare plan now shared equally by the railroads and the workers.

The recent settlement on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad called for the railroad to pay the full cost. The unions are seeking to extend this pattern to the other railroads.

Unions seeking the wage boost are the Maintenance of Way Employees, Railway Clerks, Railroad Telegraphers, Railroad Signalmen, Dining Car Employees, Railway Carmen, Machinists, Boilermakers and Blacksmiths, Sheet Metal Workers, Electrical Workers and Firemen and Oilers.

George E. Leighty, president of the telegraphers will head up a joint negotiating committee of the 11 unions.

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Delinquency

The delinquency "crisis" was dismissed as the creature of "alarmists" by Dr. Lauretta Bender, senior psychiatrist at Bellevue Hospital in New York City.

She tells youth workers and enforcement officials that they ought to be concerned with "the big problem which we haven't yet faced," namely: "Why are so many of our children not delinquent?"

Twenty years of counseling and treating youngsters have convinced her, Dr. Bender says, that "far more children should be delinquent than actually are." She found in them, she said, an "amazing capacity to tolerate bad parents, poor teachers, dreadful homes and communities."

"And yet they grow!" she declared.

"Only a small number are overwhelmed. Most of these flatten out, stop growing and become dependent on some person or institution. A really small percentage become aggressive."

Quoting extensively from a study of delinquency throughout the world, published in 1905, Dr. Bender insisted that in the years 1860 to 1900 communities had to cope with exactly the same types of youth crimes as today proportionately just as often.

"And that was in a day of no mechanization, no easy communication and transportation, no radio, no television, no movies of teaching reading, no world wars," she said.

"If we are going to discuss delinquency, we must look for much more basic causes—causes that can cover at least the last one hundred years and all of Western civilization."

Speaking of Clothes

New and Old

Let a style become old enough and it can be reintroduced for new. This is a commonplace among designers of furniture or clothes.

When the pony-tail hairdo came to vogue a while ago many women knew it was a revival from an earlier period. But how much earlier?

In the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston one of the very valuable paintings is a portrait entitled "Young Lady of Fashion." It was done by Uccello in the early 15th century, when some Italian painters first began to turn from religious subjects to secular portraits.

The young lady is blond, very good looking, and—has a pony-tail hairdo. Over 500 years ago! —Christian Science Monitor.

George P. Miller Gets Preferment for Jobless

Congressman George P. Miller announces that the new Quartermaster Market Center in Alameda will definitely give preferential employment to former employees of the Medical Test Depot where direct recruitment is authorized.

This directive is in response to the California Congressman's appeal to the Secretary of the Army for consideration of the plight of those faithful employees who were thrown out of work by the abandonment of the Medical Test Depot.

CIO COMMUNICATIONS

Workers, representing 7,600 installers and maintainers of telephone equipment in Northern California and Nevada, got negotiations under way in San Francisco August 5. Negotiations of the same union for 26,000 telephone operators are also in progress.

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Labor Department Funds Increased

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Congress passed and sent to the White House a \$2,373,516,500 money bill to run the Department of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare for fiscal 1956.

Over \$1.9 billion is earmarked for HEW and \$463 million for the Labor Department.

Secretary of Labor Mitchell said the department's appropriation is the largest single increase it has enjoyed in any peacetime year and the public and the working people can look forward to improved service.

The \$463 million total Labor Department budget for fiscal 1956 is an increase of about \$71 million over the 1955 appropriation. Of the \$71 million increase, about \$1 million is for actual operation of the department; the rest is for grants-in-aid to the states or for programs over which the department has no direct fiscal control.

House-Senate conferees knocked out one rider that would have denied unemployment compensation to Federal workers who voluntarily quit their jobs. This was contained in the original House bill.

The conference also approved \$111 million for the Hill-Burton hospital construction program, an increase of \$15 million over both last year's allowance and the original House figure.

The conference pared down, however, Senate-voted funds for National Institutes of Health research programs on heart disease, cancer and other illnesses. The Senate originally added \$22.6 million to the House bill; the conference trimmed it to \$6.3 million more.

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FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies

CONSIDER THE SOURCE is an old rule which often serves a good purpose.

But the People's World had a jingle signed by one Judith Todd recently which hit our fancy. It tells the sad story of: "The case of careless Mary Mumm."

Who was too fond of bubble gum."

It seems that this Mary Mumm:

"She chewed and blew, she blew and chewed

When talking—which was rather rude,

And had the further drawback that

Her conversation fell quite flat: Santa Claus could hardly trouble

To meet her requests expressed in bubble;

When ants passed chocolate around

They heard an incoherent sound

And thought it only meant she did

Not want them to remove the lid."

THE GUM BALLOON got so inflated one day, we learn from the jingle, that Mary was lifted high in the air and, finally, "The bubble burst."

And Mary felt an awful fool

At landing in the Penguin pool."

THE RUSSANS criticize us as a bunch of bubble-gummers just as they rap us for being segregationists racially. So we assume the jingle follows the party line. But certainly many of us, who are neither Russians nor Communists, don't like segregation nor the bubble gum custom.

Major Job to Win Nondiscrimination

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Noticeable progress is being made in promoting fair employment practices in the states and cities but a major job still remains in eliminating discrimination in employment.

That was the consensus of a meeting of minority group supervisors from state and regional offices of the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security.

The state and regional delegates were augmented by representatives of labor, industry, government, religious and other groups who related what their organizations are doing to promote fair employment practices.

Bert Seidman, representing AFL President George Meany, and George L. P. Weaver, representing the CIO, discussed the progress made by labor unions in eliminating discrimination.

They noted that the drive against discriminatory practices would be stepped up with the coming merger of the AFL and CIO, with both Meany and CIO President Walter P. Reuther publicly pledged to an extended program.

PRICE OF HAIRCUTS in Richmond, El Sobrante, and San Pablo, in Contra Costa county went up to \$1.75 August 2 for adults, and to the same amount for children on Saturdays and days before holidays, with a \$1.50 rate for children on weekdays. Barbers Local 508 approved the boost 33 to 3.

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Steamfitter Tells Labor Program If Governing England

Herbert Perry, Steamfitters 342, studying in London, writes on the sort of program the Labor Party promised to put into effect if it had won the recent election:

Labour's 'Peace Policy' calls for disarmament with full support of the United Nations and the first step would be a British proposal for immediate cessation of H-Bomb tests. In order to relax world tension they would call for free elections to reunify Germany, evacuation of the offshore islands by Chiang Kai-shek, admission of Communist China to the U. N., and neutralization of Formosa under the U. N. until its own people can make their own choice.

For the underdeveloped areas Labor would work to close the gap between the highly developed industrial nations and the peasant millions of Asia and Africa. Labor would continue to work to transform the British Empire into a Commonwealth of free and equal peoples.

In the matter of defense they would launch a searching inquiry with particular emphasis on the two-year period of National Service in order to make better use of manpower in the services. In the absence of all round disarmament they would keep the democratic powers strong, united and able to deter aggression.

COST OF LIVING

Labor's policy to keep the cost of living steady is long-term agreements with Commonwealth countries, firm action against monopolies, cutting out waste in the present antiquated system of food distribution, price controls on essential goods where necessary and a Consumer Advisory Service set up to help the housewife get value for money.

Labor considers housing a social service and would go on subsidizing the building of houses to let by local authorities. Labor would help those who wish to buy their own houses.

A free Health Service would be restored by abolishing charges for teeth, spectacles, and prescriptions. The need for treatment and not ability to pay would be the test for getting a bed in a National Service Hospital. The last taint of 'public assistance' would be removed.

A Ministry of Social Welfare would be established to take over the work of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance and that of the National Assistance Board.

In the field of education the first objective would be a radical reform including increase in the number of teachers, and improved standards of schools, especially in the rural areas, and abolish the 11 plus examination, (this system calls for an exam of every school child at age 11), the results of this exam determine what class of school the pupil goes into, grammar, secondary, or modern school, and only the grammar school prepares pupils for higher education.

Local authorities would be encouraged to build comprehensive secondary schools where all pupils attend regardless of ability, (like American junior and senior high schools).

Entertainment tax on sports and live theater would be abolished.

Labor would use the budget to remedy social inequalities and increase production. Public ownership of the steel and road haulage industries are essential to the nation's needs and they would be renationalized.

Sections of the chemical and machine tools industries would be brought into public ownership and where necessary new public enterprises would be started by the Government to compete with existing private enterprises or open up new enterprises.

Labor Party slogans are, "Work for all, abolition of want, fair distribution of income and property and better education."

Dressing Room Chatter

Theatrical Union B-82 Encountering Negotiation Delay

By JOE CONNELLY

We announced in last week's column that negotiations were scheduled to be resumed the day before the paper came out. As we go to press again we can only report that very little progress was made at that meeting, with the employer committee budgeting very slightly from their former niggardly counter proposal.

Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday of this week (yesterday) and further progress, if any, will of necessity have to await next week's column.

We dislike repetition, but we must warn all employees to keep track of any hours worked after February 28, 1955, as the employer committee has agreed to make any deal retroactive to March 1, 1955.

One of the labor negotiators pointed out the possible advantage to the employer in prolonging negotiations, inasmuch as many employees move on and do not collect their retroactive check. The employers were adamant in denying this but the records of our local alone reveal that after the last negotiations \$1,888.92 went unclaimed. This figure is incomplete as one circuit and several independents did not distribute checks through the approved source.

We would be the last to say that the employers are bargaining in bad faith, but after one 14-week period of stalling on their part we can hardly say that they are expediting matters.

Up and down the aisle we eliminate that portion of the column this week, as we depended upon you to furnish us with information and you as individual members either had nothing to report or are adopting the tactics of the employers in not cooperating. Which was it?

Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers Receive Report on Sunnyvale

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Some of you may recall that at the time we were organizing Sunnyvale, we had a problem with Mann Jewelers owned by Mr. Thomas of that city. A partnership arrangement was given the watchmaker, and the watchmaker belonged to the union as a proprietor member.

For some reason, Bro. Jacobson, the original watchmaker, is not with the company any longer and a new watchmaker has taken his place.

We are again discussing this situation with Mr. Thomas. We did leave a copy of our agreement, but whether or not we get it signed has not as yet been determined.

ATTENTION SAN FRANCISCO EAST BAY MEMBERS: Please remember—in accordance with the vote of the membership at the last meeting, there will be no meeting in August.

Do not allow your dues to become delinquent. Mail your dues to the office during the current month.

Blue Shield Announces Direct Pay Benefits

Increased benefits for Direct Pay subscribers at no additional cost to the member are announced by California Physicians' Service, the Blue Shield Plan in this State.

According to Dr. Francis T. Hodges, president of the organization, the move is a result of the CPS policy which provides members with maximum health insurance benefits at reasonable cost.

The new benefits, Dr. Hodges pointed out, are available as of August 1 to subscribers holding direct payment contracts. The plan will include additions to both surgical and hospital protection.



Steamfitters 342

Effective immediately there will be one membership meeting a month for the months of August and September. The Executive Board will meet the first and third Thursdays during these months. Charges for non-attendance of meetings will not be made for these months.

Fraternalty yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternalty,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

The next meeting of the Local dated Friday, August 5 will be of the regular order.

There will be a discussion of the merits of a new life insurance policy coming from the Tri-State Insurance Company underwritten by the California Western States Insurance Co.

Bro. Andrew G. Swanson running against two other Brothers was elected as our Delegate to the State Federation Convention to be held in San Diego beginning August 12.

Fraternalty yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Culinary Workers and Batrenders 823

Our next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, will be held at 2:30 p. m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternalty yours,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Building Service Employees 18

Building Service Union Local 18 will not have a general membership meeting in August, and the next meeting will not be until the fourth Friday in September on the 23d.

Fraternalty yours,
W. DOUGLAS GELBERT,
Secretary-Treasurer

UC Employees 371

The regular monthly meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, August 13, at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternalty yours,
WALTER N. RENYER,
Secretary-Treasurer

Paint Makers 1101

At the regular August 16 meeting a special guest speaker, Miss Patricia Smith, an attorney, UC graduate, member of the Queen's Bench, active in Eastern Star and Woodmen of the World, will talk on the United Bay Area Crusade, representing the Speakers' Bureau of that campaign. She will give the background and purposes of the campaign, in which organized labor is vitally interested.

A big turnout is urged for this important discussion.

Fraternalty,
JACK KOPKE,
Representative

June Showed Rise In Cost of Living

WASHINGTON (APL News)—Small increases in the cost of food, housing, transportation and medical expenditures sent the government's living costs index up slightly in June to the highest point in 1955.

The first rise recorded in the index since November, 1954, registered only two-tenths of one per cent. But Bureau of Labor Statistics spokesmen indicated a seasonal rise in food prices would likely lead to another increase next month.

The June index of 114.4 compares with 114.6 last November and the November, 1953, peak of 115.4.

The largest cost decreases reported for June were in the prices of fresh vegetables, restaurant meals, coffee and tea. Rents edged upward as well as the costs of home maintenance, repairs and some furnishings. Personal care costs also registered a slight rise.

BLS reported that the average take-home pay for factory workers was down slightly in June from May due to a shorter work week and slightly higher prices. Average weekly net spendable earnings for a factory worker with three dependents came to \$70.12 in June. For a worker with no dependents the figure was \$62.83.

Mitchell Must Be Bluffing: Douglas

WASHINGTON (APL News)—Secretary of Labor Mitchell's protest that Congress passed only "half a bill" when it okayed a \$1-an-hour minimum wage without expanded coverage indicates a lapse of memory or "he is talking out of both sides of his mouth," said Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.).

Douglas' comments were evoked by Mitchell's press conference statement that he was "disappointed that Congress has failed to act on expanded coverage." The Secretary said he would recommend that the President sign the \$1 minimum wage bill.

Mitchell's statement was the latest in a series of contradictions and reversals with one fact emerging—he came off second best once again in internal Administration maneuvering.

The record shows that Mitchell recommended expansion of coverage only to retail and wholesale trade workers, but that even then, when the trade groups applied pressure on the Administration through other sources, the President reversed Mitchell's position and the secretary went along.

Puzzled reporters fired a series of questions at Mitchell on previous Administration positions and recommendations but drew from the secretary the sole advice to "read the testimony."

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Painters: Remember Picnic Saturday!

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

This Labor Journal is delivered in most instances on Friday of each week and many of the brothers will read first the front page for the more important news and finally reach the third page and the column you are now reading. This will be the last time you can make up your mind to pack up the family tomorrow, Saturday, and join with your brother Painters in having a good time for all at our annual picnic. The place is Bjornsen Park in Crow Canyon. Drive out through Castro Valley and when you come to the bottom of the hill turn off to your left into Crow Canyon. Continue on for about 4 miles until you come to the park. We will try and have appropriate signs at each turn. We have no tickets for this affair so you may invite your friends or the kiddies' friends and bring the whole gang. Just have your due book, working card or receipt just to show that you are or have some connection with the Painters. Bring a lunch, but no coffee as coffee will be served including the cups. Hot dogs will be served during the day but these are only to satisfy the kids' quick appetites. A program of races, games, etc., will start about 11:30 a.m. with cash prizes for winners. Sorry no pool for swimming this year. All day will be soda pop, ice cream bars free to the kids and foaming refreshments free for grown-ups. In the afternoon a six-piece orchestra will provide all types of music for dancing until evening. A bingo game will get under way with all moneys taken in turned over to the winners. No profits on this game which will start as soon as the boys get ready to put it into operation. Now we stated the brothers would read this column but we also have a good many of the wives who read it as well. To the wives we say why not tell the old man to take you and the kids to the picnic. End of this matter if you miss a good time for free don't blame any one but yourself.

Work going in fine shape with still more calls for men than we can furnish. We reluctantly say that many of the projects are doing some overtime but don't start jumping around. This is the finest time of the year to get yourself spotted in a good steady year round shop. While today (Tuesday) is a perfect hot summer day to speak of rain and cold seems out of order, however, remember the old saying: "If summer comes, fall and winter can't be far behind."

A nice letter from Marvin Edwards with many suggestions for improvements in the welfare plan received. We appreciate these letters because we feel that any brother who takes the time to sit down and write a letter with his suggestions is truly taking an interest in these matters. His proposals will be presented to the Local at the next meeting and will eventually be given consideration by the trustees of the fund at the special meeting in September to consider these matters.

A special meeting of the Executive Board of the Building Trades Council has been called for next Tuesday to give consideration to a resolution from Electrical Workers Local 595, that all crafts put into effect a 7-hour working day. Maybe when the rest of the Building Trades goes on the 7 hours the Painters will drop to six. Don't worry about this for some time yet. We know the road for a living is hard and tough for us Painters but on the other hand we have no authentic reports that any more Painters starved to death working 7 hours than they did working 8, 9 or 10.

Our Business Representative Brother Peaslee reports that the many calls he receives regarding non-union jobs are being diligently checked and wishes to remind all brothers that good results are being obtained. He asks that you continue these calls as it is the best way in the world to keep the industry on a union basis.

The Office Secretary Mrs. Bradley back after her vacation and things running smooth again. Next meeting Thursday, August 11. See you at the picnic. I hope.

The ILGWU holds classes in many arts and crafts including painting, sculpture, ceramics, leather work, textiles, photography, special dancing and singing. Each year at this time they hold their Spring Festival which exhibits the works of the cultural and recreational classes at the ILGWU studio, 1710 Broadway, New York.

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Up The Ladder With Painters 40

Painters 40 Change Insurance Plan

By BEN RASNICK

Some time ago we were notified by our insurance underwriters that the premium of \$1.30 a month per \$1000 insurance would be raised to \$1.65 an increase of 35 cents. Since the Tri-State Insurance Plan would give us the same coverage for \$1.35 a month, the members voted to accept this plan at our July 8th meeting. This means that there is an increase of 15 cents a quarter or 5 cents a month in our insurance premium effective August 1st.

At a special called meeting July 22nd, the membership voted to retain the Smith & Parrish plan for another year at the cost of \$1.00 a year per member. The retention of this plan has proven to be of great financial value to many of our members. Some of the brothers have saved hundreds of dollars in attorney fees, and some have also saved themselves money and trouble by taking advantage of the free legal advice given under this plan by the very fine attorneys in the Smith & Parrish offices.

We have just signed up with the California group vision plan, so any of our members contemplating an eye examination or the purchase of glasses, please contact this local union office for further information. I'm sure you will save considerable money under this plan.

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OPINIONS

DIFFERENT

National writers are having a whale of a time trying to guess whether President Eisenhower will run again, who will run against him and who will win. Let's be different. How about checking up on your local city officials, your county supervisors and administrative officers, your assemblyman and your state senator? What sort of a job are they doing for us as working men and women and as union members? Should they be re-elected or replaced?—Valley Labor Citizen (Fresno)

'NOT OPPOSED'

The Eisenhower Administration is not opposed to public-power projects per se. It is only opposed to those projects which would be located at dependable low-cost sites, sure to pay off handsomely for the U.S. Treasury. At the same time, the Administration fervently favors public-power projects at locations where the energy will prove expensive and thus quite likely to be a financial liability in decades to come.—Senator Richard L. Neuberger (D., Ore.) in Progressive Magazine.

IF MEN FLEW!

If men were all virtuous, I should with great alacrity teach them all to fly. But what would be the security of the good, if the bad could at pleasure invade them from the sky? Against an army sailing through the clouds neither walls, nor mountains, nor seas, could afford any security. A flight of northern savages might hover in the wind, and light at once with irresistible violence upon the capital of a fruitful region that was rolling under them.—From "Rasselas" by Samuel Johnson (1709-1784).

UNIONISM

The American trade unions are just as distinctively American as is American business. Their objectives and methods mirror the practicality and the optimism of American culture, the strong faith that this is an expanding universe, and that the key to the better life is growth, innovation, and invention.—Prof. Sumner Slichter, Harvard University.

THAT GLITTER

The well-advertised popularity of President Eisenhower to the contrary notwithstanding, the Republican Party record since it was returned to power in Washington after 20 years, is such that even the glitter of Ike's war record will not save it.—New Jersey Labor Herald.

COBRA

Now Ike's so-called liberal Republicans have tried to disassociate themselves from Joe McCarthy, who now has as much appeal, politically, as a cobra in a crowded subway.—Albert M. Michaels in Labor's Daily.

JUDGE AND TEAMO

After a truck driver, charged with speeding, told a judge in Memphis, Tenn., that his truck wouldn't go as fast as charged, the judge himself took the truck out on a trial run, confirmed the statement and dismissed the charge.—Labor's Daily.

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EDITORIALS

Burkett Is Bumped to Relieve Embarrassment of Knight Pals

Governor Knight has made a move in the game he plays to win labor's favor.

Knight knows the State Federation of Labor convention opens August 15. Knight knows that if Bill Burkett were still Director of Employment by that date, resolutions, good hot ones, would turn up demanding that Knight fire Burkett.

Knight has made Burkett State Superintendent of Banks, and has moved a recently retired Shell Oil executive into the post of State Director of Employment. This presumably will make the convention less embarrassing for those in the State AFL who are determined to sell Knight to labor as the noblest friend ever possessed by labor, the Hearst papers, the Los Angeles Times, the Oakland Tribune, the State Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, Whitaker & Baxter, et al.

Knight in transferring Burkett to a place where Burkett can hobnob with his natural friends the bankers overflowed with praise of "his integrity and devotion to duty." Not a word was said, though, by the Governor, in praise for Burkett's feat of sending out incessantly press releases boasting that he had cut his publicity department down to one man, and at the same time sending out more press releases in a month than his predecessor had sent out in a year. And Burkett really deserved praise for that performance! The wastebasket problem at East Bay Labor Journal got acute during Burkett's regime of self-praise by mime.

If Burkett or his "one man" publicity department had a hand in the release from the Governor's office telling of the world-shaking move to make things less embarrassing for the labor supporters of Knight, he certainly pulled an amusingly slow "fast one." For with the obvious desire to save face for Burkett and make it look as if he'd been promoted, the Governor's press release ended: "The annual salary of the Director of Employment is \$14,500. The salary of the Superintendent of Banks is \$15,000."

Looks like Burkett the jobless insurance hater is getting a \$500 annual raise, doesn't it? But of course, beginning September 7 the job from which Burkett is being fired is going to pay \$17,000, while the job to which Burkett is being kicked will continue to pay only \$15,000. So as of September 7 Burkett will be taking a \$2000 cut instead of a \$500 raise.

As for the choice of a seasoned oil executive to be Director of Employment, that ought not to ruffle the feelings of Knight's friends in the big oil companies, and it may make the labor backers of Knight feel that they're getting into high society.

Anonymous Smear of Supreme Court

In the Oakland Tribune of July 26 there was published one of those anonymous letters which that newspaper is all too prone to publish. Signed merely "J. G. W." which in our book is not a full name, this letter concludes:

"Our Constitution was conceived by white men. And our way of life is that of the white man's. Why, then, destroy all our proud culture of nearly three centuries merely to comply with the wishes of Moscow to integrate our schools?"

This is to imply very plainly that only Communists wish to eliminate segregation from our schools, and that therefore the United States Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice Warren of California is either made up of Communists or men so stupid and weak-minded that they tamely do whatever the Communists ask them to do.

The publication of such stuff as that without the signature of the person who is responsible for it is bad journalism, a practice that has been ended long ago in good newspapers. Anyone who wishes to accuse the U. S. Supreme Court of being either Communist or Communist-led should be required to sign his name.

The Tribune editors themselves certainly would not write such a letter to themselves, as they are too tied up with the Warren-GOP political machine. But newspapers today which so persistently maintain the practice of anonymity in their "Letters to the Editor" column are inevitably under suspicion.

What is the suspicion to which we refer? The answer to that one is easy—they are under the suspicion of keeping up anonymity in the "Letters to the Editor" column so that they can write letters to themselves during hot political campaigns and sign them by the initials of imaginary citizens.

A Letter from the Pentagon

Suppose you are an executive of a company which has big defense contracts with the Air Force. You get a letter from the Secretary of the Air Force on his official stationery, or you get a telephone call from that gentleman in the Pentagon.

The Air Force Secretary suggests to you that it would be a good idea, wouldn't it, to see a Mr. Mulligan, who runs an industrial engineering firm. Naturally, thinking of your desire to continue to have good fat Air Force Contracts, you think you see.

In fact you see a lot of things, you think; but meanwhile you see Mr. Mulligan. You bet you do! And maybe you see your way to giving Mr. Mulligan a contract to do some valuable work for your company.

Later, surprise, surprise, you learn that the Air Force Secretary is a partner of Mr. Mulligan, and has cleaned up \$132,000 out of this Mulligan operation during the two years he's been Secretary.

General Eisenhower, who said he went into office to "clean up the mess," said at his press conference that what's involved is whether an "office" was used "improperly" or whether a "man in the office" was trying to use his "personal influence completely divorced from his office."

A 7-letter word popularized by the late Governor Al Smith of New York is the only possible answer to that statement by the President. That word is:

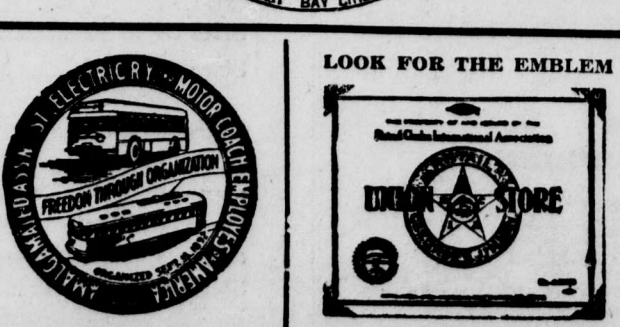
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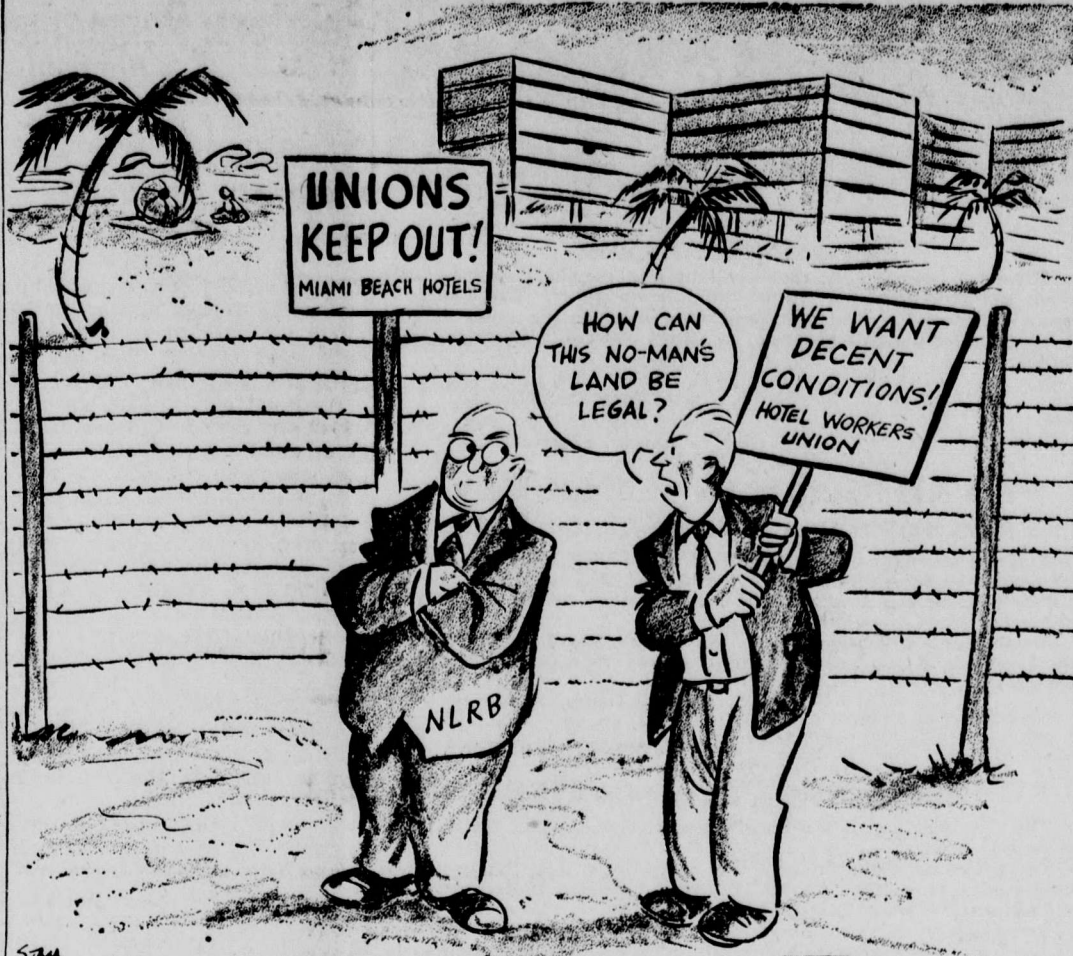
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Labor Wins the 1955 Battle to Put Stop to Many Proposed 'Wreck' Laws

Labor won the 1955 battle on the misnamed "right-to-work" laws but the war is far from over, says the AFL News Service.

In face of a concerted Big Business drive to extend the scope of the "wreck" statutes, labor chalked up 13 victories and suffered one defeat.

Labor's attempts to have eight existing "wreck" laws repealed fell short of the mark. The battle to extend the misnamed statutes started with the convening of the state legislatures early in 1955. Business and industrial groups, well organized and financed, tried to add new states to the 17 that had adopted "right-to-work" laws since 1947.

The laws were made possible by the Taft-Hartley Act, which gave the states the power to adopt statutes outlawing the union shop and other forms of union security despite the legality of the union shop on the Federal level.

UTAH PASSED ONE

The first six months of 1955 found running battles on the state legislative level. When the smoke cleared one state—Utah—emerged with a "wreck" law. Similar attempts in 13 other states failed.

On the national level, bills to repeal Section 14-B of the Taft-Hartley Act, the section which allows the states to adopt "wreck" statutes, were introduced. With Congress heading for adjournment none of the bills have emerged from committee and the measures are expected to remain quiescent until the next session.

Here's what happened in the 13 states where business attempted and failed to get "wreck" laws on the books:

1—In Kansas, the legislature adopted the bill but failed to round-up enough votes to override Gov. Fred Hall's veto.

2—In four states, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts and Minnesota, the bills reached the floor of one or both houses of the legislature and were defeated.

3—In eight states "wreck" bills died in committee: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and West Virginia.

REPEAL EFFORTS

On labor's attempt to win repeal the record shows:

1—In four states repealers were killed in one or both houses of the legislature: North Dakota, South Carolina, North Dakota, and Tennessee.

2—In four other states repealers died in committee: Arkansas, Iowa, North Carolina and Nevada.

The Alabama legislature is still in session and a repeal bill is pending supported by Gov. James Folsom.

The pattern of Big Business attempts to pass "wreck" laws reveal the campaign was made on a coast-to-coast basis, from Connecticut to California. However, in some key industrial states—Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Oregon and Washington—where labor is well organized, there were no such attempts.

In the 13 states which defeated the "wreck" laws organizations have been formed to continue the fight as labor can expect new attempts at legislative sessions in 1956 and 1957.

AFL Union Wins GAW for One Worker In Astoria

ASTORIA, Ore. (AFL News)—An AFL local union here has negotiated a guaranteed annual wage contract covering one worker.

Local No. 466, AFL Motion Picture Machine Operators has negotiated the contract to cover a projectionist at an outdoor drive-in theater. The contract calls for \$90 a week for the 18 best weeks of the year, June through September, and \$85 per week during the balance of the year.

The operator will work six days a week for seven months and three days a week for the balance of the year.

More Shipbuilding Work Coming, Says Official

"I feel we are approaching one of the best periods for shipbuilding that we have ever known because of the large replacement program that is facing all steamship operators," said Rear Admiral W. C. Ford, deputy maritime administrator.

"West Coast shipyards are going to come in for their share of the work," he added.

Ford made his statement while visiting the Bay Area.

\$25 A MEETING for not to exceed six meetings a month will be the pay for members of the Alameda County Planning Commission instead of the former \$20. The commissioners had asked for \$30.

Thousands Pouring Out to Farm Work

Pete Small, manager of the Oakland Farm Labor Office announced that over 4000 workers were referred out in the month of July. 500 workers went into the San Jose-Sunnyvale area for apricot harvest, 120 went to the apple harvest in the Santa Rosa area where housing is available, 1200 workers were hauled out on a day haul basis to the Irvington area, for apricot picking and 2500 for bean picking. A few cherry pickers were referred out, as well as 15 laborers to clean up the ground after the Alameda County Fair.

The month of August will see a need for almost 1000 workers per day for harvesting of string beans. In order to make it more convenient for workers to be referred out for farm work or to obtain information, another farm labor office has been opened on a part time basis at 26th and Cutting boulevard, Richmond.

The office hours for the Richmond office are as follows: 5:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Transportation is available daily 5:00 a.m. to 5:15 a.m. including Sundays from the three area offices.

Address and telephone numbers for the area offices are as follows:
588 7th street, Oakland, telephone GLencourt 2-1716; 26th and Cutting boulevard, Richmond, telephone BEacon 4-5251; 1752 O'Farrell street, San Francisco, telephone PRospect 6-3876.

Urban Renewal Men Name Fred Squires

The Citizens Committee for Urban Renewal, it was announced July 29, recommended that Fred H. Squires, secretary to Oakland Mayor Clifford Rishell, be appointed coordinator of the urban renewal program.

Oakland is the second city in the West to be earmarked Federal funds in carrying out the renewal program.

Squires in order to take the post must resign the post of secretary to the Mayor, which he has held since 1949.

OLD AGE PENSION group will hear report on the progress in Congress of the Kefauver-Roosvelt bills at a meeting in Oakland on Saturday, August 6, 1:30 p.m., in the Key System Employees Bldg., 410 11th street.

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BTC Meeting Told Motels Bring Much Trade to Oakland

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by the recent session of the Legislature.

The AB 1157 query is to whether UC, Alameda county, Oakland School Board, and the city of Oakland can contribute directly to health and welfare funds for employees members of building trades unions. Scully said that under the new law all entities other than the State itself can do so, if they are willing. But as for UC, "there is a serious question as to whether law as to what so-called State-wide statutes are applicable to UC, and it will be necessary for a ruling to be obtained."

As for AB 2368, dealing with unemployment, disability, and old age insurance, Scully says, "the bill as enacted is a highly complicated one and I firmly believe there is no one capable of fully analyzing or evaluating its terms."

TEAMSTERS 70

Ernie Mulgrew, Teamsters 70, reported that his union had signed a 3-year contract with plumbing wholesaler supply houses, providing for a total \$1.60 per day increase, \$1.20 of this for wages and 40 cents for pensions.

TOOKE TO TEXAS!

B. Rhodes Tooke, Sign Painters 878, whose intense Texan patriotism is a well known theme at BTC meetings, asked permission for a month's leave of absence to visit Texas. Leave was granted.

PLASTERERS' CRISIS

George Whittton reported that Plasterers 112 was having a rough go in negotiations, that a sister local, San Francisco 66, was already on strike, and another sister local elsewhere, and that nothing looked promising for the moment.

SURETY RULING

Chet Bartolini, Carpenters 36, commenting on the court's recent ruling that sureties are responsible for the payment by contractors of money into health and welfare funds as well as for payment of wages, said this was something unions should stay right on the top of to keep check.

S. F. RULING

Bartolini further called attention to a recent ruling by the city attorney of San Francisco that the city may pay contributions into social security and retirement funds covering city employees.

BY-LAWS REVISION

President J.S. (Blackie) Miller asked the Law & Legislative Committee to meet as soon as possible to revise the by-laws. Committee members are Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304; Bruce Dillshaw, Cement Masons 594; Floyd Peaslee, Painters 127; B. Rhodes Tooke, Sign Painters 878; Abel (Blackie) Silva, Hodcarriers 166.

Labor Has New Chance To Elect Assemblyman, Says Geo. Hardy of BSE

George Hardy, secretary-treasurer, State Council of Building Service Employees, calls attention to the special election September 20 in the 4th Assembly District (Butte, Yuba, Sutter) to name a successor to the late Don Hobbie.

Arthur W. Coats Jr., endorsed by the Democratic organizations, is running for the place, and Hardy points out that Coats "was Assemblyman from the 4th District in 1951, and had a 100% labor record in Sacramento—26 good votes. He ran for Congress later and lost out."

Hardy adds: "You will remember that just a few months ago we all got behind the candidacy of Fred Farr in Salinas, and helped that pro-labor candidate win his seat. Now we have another chance to gain a good vote in Sacramento, because the winner of this special election will go to the polls at the next general election as the incumbent."

World 'Hot Cargo' Boycott on Flying Tiger by the IAM

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—

A dramatic demonstration of free world trade union solidarity is taking place at airports around the globe as transport and metal workers refuse to handle strike-breaking flights of an American airline at the request of an American union.

The AFL Machinists, after six months of fruitless negotiations with the Flying Tiger airline for a wage increase called its maintenance mechanics out on strike and set up picket lines at all regular airline maintenance points in the U. S.

The company, however, attempted to increase its maintenance activities overseas where IAM members, cannot picket.

So IAM International Representative Rudy Faupl cabled the International Transport Workers Federation in London requesting all IFT affiliates to refuse to service Flying Tiger planes for the duration of the strike.

The IFT responded immediately by putting the airline on an international hot cargo list, believed to be the first in aviation history.

Omer Becu, general secretary of the IFT, cabled the IAM in Washington that "we have cabled all our civil aviation affiliated organizations explaining the position within America and the intention of the company to break the strike by flying personnel overseas to continue servicing of aircraft, and requesting our affiliate to refuse to handle the aircraft, equipment and cargoes of Flying Tiger Line."

Secu followed with a second cable reading:

"So far replies received from Austria, Canada, Cuba, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Japan all state that should aircraft use their airports your request re planes equipment and cargoes will be carried out."

Similar assurances were received from the International Metalworkers Federation.

Graphic Artists of CBS Will Join an AFL Union

NEW YORK (AFL News)—Graphic artists employed by the Columbia Broadcasting System here voted unanimously for the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees as their bargaining agent. They will be affiliated with the IATSE radio and television department, which covers other CBS groups such as property controllers, special effects and scenery expeditors, set decorators, contact reporters and radio set-up men.

New York locals of IATSE also represent CBS carpenters, electricians, propertymen, make-up artists, wardrobe attendants and film cameramen.

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